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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REFS: DAR ES SALAAM 2006; BUJUMBURA 414; STATE 134365

1. WE WELCOME RENEWED TANGOV INTEREST IN KIDNAPPING AND
BELIEVE NYERERE INITIATIVE MAY WELL OFFER BEST HOPE OF
SECURING STUDENTS' SAFE RELEASE. AT SAME TIME, WE MUST
RECOGNIZE, AS POINTED OUT BUJUMBURA 414, THAT NYERERE'S
INTERESTS IN THIS SITUATION ARE NOT NECESSARILY
COINCIDENT WITH OUR OWN. THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS OF PROBABLE
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TANGOV/NYERERE THINKING AND INTENTIONS REPORTED DAR 2006

IS GENERALLY PERSUASIVE, BUT BELIEVE WE MUST KNOW MORE
PRECISELY WHAT IT IS NYERERE HAS IN MIND AND THAT IT DOES
INDEED SERVE OUR INTERESTS AS WELL AS HIS.

2. REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT EMBASSY CONSULT TANGOV FURTHER
ABOUT ITS PLANS. IN PARTICULAR, FOLLOWING ARE POINTS
ON WHICH WE NEED AUTHORITATIVE CLARIFICATION:

A. WHAT ARE SPECIFIC CONTENT AND TONE OF MESSAGE
WHICH NYERERE INTENDS TO SEND WITH RELEASED PRP PRISONER?

B. WHAT DOES NYERERE ENVISAGE AS NEXT STEP IF MESSAGE
DOES NOT WIN CAPTIVES' RELEASE?

C. IS TANGOV COORDINATING WITH GOZ, WHOSE
COOPERATION-- IF ONLY IN FORM OF ABSTINENCE FROM RASH
ACTION--WILL CONTINUE TO BE CRITICAL TO CAPTIVES'
WELFARE AND SAFE RELEASE?

D. IS TANGOV CONTEMPLATING PUBLIC STATEMENT AT THIS
TIME? IF SO, WE WOULD HOPE TO BE CONSULTED RE ITS
CONTENT.

3. OTHER QUESTIONS WILL DOUBTLESS ARISE AS DETAILS
OF TANGOV PLANS ARE CONFIRMED. IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE,
HOWEVER, IS TO KNOW WHAT THOSE PLANS ARE AND TO MAKE
CERTAIN THAT GOT DOES NOT PRESENT US WITH UNDESIRABLE
FAIT ACCOMPLI.

4. WE ALSO THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS WITH
TANGOV QUESTION OF WHETHER IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO
SEND THIRD PARTY (E.G. BRYCESON OR PERHAPS SOME OTHER
INTERMEDIARY NOT CONNECTED WITH GOT OR WITH U.S. OR
DUTCH GOV'TS) WITH RELEASED PRISONER TO MAKE CASE FOR
CAPTIVES' RELEASE. WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER COMMENTS
ON THIS ASPECT OF APPROACH.

5. CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATION BUJUMBURA 414 THAT WE
RETAIN VAGNI OPTION. KISSINGER

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